

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
HELD AT
THE RAINHALL CENTRE, BARNOLDSWICK
ON 7TH MAY 2019**

PRESENT –

Councillors

*M. Adams
R. E. Carroll
C. Carter
M. S. Goulthorp
K. Hartley
J. Mills
D. M. Whipp
T. Whipp*

Co-optees

D. Haigh

Police

*Insp A. Winter
Sgt T. Hitchen*

Officers Present

D. Walker

*Environmental Services Manager (Area
Co-ordinator)*

N. Watson

*Planning, Economic Development and
Regulatory Services Manager*

J. Eccles

Committee Administrator, PBC

(Apologies were received from Cllr J. Purcell and G. Wilson.)

The following person attended and spoke at the meeting on the item indicated –

Corrina Clark

*19/0080/HHO Full: Erection of a single storey
front porch extension at 19 King Street,
Barnoldswick*

Minute No.8(a)



1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor D. M. Whipp be appointed Chairman of this Committee for the municipal year 2019/20.

Councillor D. M. Whipp – Chairman (in the Chair)

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor T. Whipp be appointed Vice-Chairman of this Committee for the municipal year 2019/20.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTees

RESOLVED

That all West Craven Parish and Town Councils, including the Bracewell and Brogden Parish meeting, be invited to nominate co-optees to the Committee for the municipal year 2019/20.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident said that he had recently reported to the Police young people climbing on the roof of his buildings at Gisburn Street works and had submitted CCTV. One person had fallen through the roof and caused £300 of damage. He hadn't heard anything since the incident and wondered what was happening. Sergeant T. Hitchen said that he would speak to him after the meeting for further details, make some enquiries and get back to him with an update.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 2nd April 2019, be approved as a correct record.

7. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

Sergeant T. Hitchen presented the crime figures for April compared to the same period in 2018 and answered related questions. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	2018	2019
Burglary - Residential	0	2
Burglary - Commercial	4	1
Vehicle Crime	4	5
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	18	16
Theft	9	20
Criminal Damage	7	7
Other Crime	14	35
ALL CRIME	56	86
Anti-Social Behaviour	29	34

With regard to the increase in theft crimes, this had been mainly due to theft of flag stones, lead, coping stones etc. A van had been seized in relation to some of these crimes, and the driver identified. It was hoped that this would result in a prosecution or at least a reduction in this type of theft going forward.

Questioned about the rise in anti-social activity, Sergeant T. Hitchen said that this was down to the way crimes were now being recorded. He did not think that there was a particular problem with anti-social activity. He also said that he would check to see if there had been any further incidents with damage to cars down Bankfield, as reported at the last meeting.

Inspector A. Winter attended the meeting to talk about an issue raised at the last meeting, on whether the national crime trends in relation to knife crime and drugs activity were impacting on West Craven.

Firstly, he wanted to reassure the Committee and members of the public that knife crime was an issue mainly involving young people in metropolitan boroughs. In this area, the Police had not seen a rise in the crime statistics so they could only go by experience. However, in his opinion, knife crime was not a particular problem in West Craven or Pendle.

He pointed out that 80% of those stabbed were stabbed by their own knife, and the Police were trying to get that message across to the public. There had been a recent incident in Nelson where a teenager had been stabbed but an investigation had showed it to be accidental.

At the moment the Police felt that the best way of addressing knife crime in the borough was through the schools and doing preventative work with young people. They were also considering having a knife amnesty so that people owning a knife or relatives/friends etc could hand in knives without any comeback.

With regards drug activity, it was very likely that gangs were using young people to transport drugs across County lines. This was happening across the country. However, there was no intelligence to show that criminal gangs were organising drug activity in West Craven. There was certainly the sale and use of drugs going on, as in most towns in the country, but no evidence to suggest that there was a particular problem with drug activity in West Craven.

In terms of staffing, he acknowledged that West Craven was one PCSO down. There was likely to be a delay in appointing one soon, in view of no training courses being scheduled as yet, but said he would try to fill the vacancy as soon as possible.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications for determination

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on the following planning application for determination -

19/0080/HHO Full: Erection of a single storey front porch extension at 19 King Street, Barnoldswick for Mrs Corrina Clark

(A site visit was undertaken prior to the meeting.)

Consideration of this planning application had been deferred from the last meeting for a site visit.

RESOLVED

That the application be **granted** subject to the following conditions –

1. The proposed development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: Drawing No: Block Plan 1:500, DBA/CC/02.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

3. Prior to commencement of development samples of the materials to be used in the construction of the development, including colour and finish of windows and doors, external wall and roof materials, hereby permitted (notwithstanding any details shown on previously submitted plan(s) and specification) shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory form of development to protect and preserve the character of the conservation area and adjacent Listed Building.

4. Prior to the commencement of development, details of the proposed mortar mix to be used for pointing the extensions shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory form of development to protect and preserve the character of the conservation area and adjacent Listed Building.

REASON

Section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that applications be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The proposed residential development would accord with Local Planning Policy and would be compliant with the guidance set out in the Framework. The development therefore complies with the development plan. There is a positive presumption in favour of approving the development and there are no material reasons to object to the application.

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that at 16th April there were no new or outstanding planning appeals. However, on 29th April the Council had been informed that an application had been made to the High Court to Judicially Review the decision of the Secretary of State in respect of the planning application for 34 dwellings at land to the east of Becksides, Salterforth. The Committee would be kept informed of developments.

9. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES - COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

(a) Outstanding

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding enforcement cases and answered related questions.

Councillors were keen for progress on compliance with conditions at the Hope Mill B site on Skipton Road. The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager said that

he had emailed the company and would send an update to Councillors as soon as he had any news. There were also a number of issues at the Seddon Homes Ltd site in Salterforth.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to look at issues raised in relation to the Seddon Homes Ltd development in Salterforth and to report back in due course.

(b) Enforcement Action

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report for information, giving the up-to-date position on progress in respect of enforcement notices which had been served. The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager was pleased to report that the owners of the Gospel Hall had now been found and a prosecution for non-compliance was being pursued with papers being prepared to serve on the owner.

10. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the balance on the Committee's 2019/20 capital programme was £13,456: Barnoldswick £440 and Earby £13,016.

A bid had been circulated prior to the meeting from the Earby and Kelbrook Senior Citizens Centre seeking £1,000 towards new double front doors making access easier for the elderly.

RESOLVED

That £1,000 be allocated from the Earby allocation of the 2019/20 Capital Programme to the Earby and Kelbrook Senior Citizens Centre for new double front doors.

REASON

To enable the Capital Programme to be allocated efficiently and effectively.

11. TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Traffic Liaison Meeting on 28th February were submitted for information.

Members had concerns about a couple of highway related items. The first concerned the Speed indicator device on Kelbrook Road and whether it was calibrated or angled correctly.

The second issue was about damage to the retaining wall of Soughbridge Mill and a wall in front of houses opposite on Colne Road caused by a road traffic accident. The accident had happened several months ago but no action had been taken since to re-build the walls.

RESOLVED

That County Council be asked –

- (1) For the Speed indicator device on Kelbrook Road heading into Salterforth from the north side of the village to be checked to see if the unit was calibrated or angled correctly.

- (2) If they were aware of the damage to the wall in the Soughbridge Mill area and the wall opposite on Colne Road and if there had been any contact with the owners of the damaged property or were aware of any action being taken to get the walls re-built.

REASON

In the interests of highway safety.

12. UNIROYAL GLOBAL

There was no further news on the improvement works at Uniroyal, but it was understood that works were progressing as agreed. The new cooling system was expected to be fully installed and operational by the end of May. A further progress would be reported to the next meeting.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on environmental crime in West Craven for the period 1st January to 31st March 2019, along with the totals for 2018/19.

There was a discussion about the Council's use of District Enforcement for a 12 month period and how they operated.

As part of a wider review on mobile working, the Environmental Services Manager said he would be including some work around litter/dog waste bins. This would help to provide a more efficient service in the future, including the reporting of overflowing bins.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted and the dog bin in Earby cemetery be replaced, if it hadn't been already.

REASON

For the benefit of dog walkers and in the interests of residential amenity.

14. PROBLEM SITES

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on problem sites in West Craven. Members discussed the appearance of the property in Kelbrook and were concerned that current enquiries had not brought any improvements to the property.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to make further inquiries with neighbours to ascertain who was responsible for the Kelbrook property and, if progress could not be made, that action be taken through a Section 215 Notice with a view to the Council taking direct action if the Notice was not complied with.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity.

Chairman.....